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Examiner : Jeanette E. Chapman
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Docket No. : 52433/760
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : T. TAKEUCHI et al.
Serial No. : 10/823,229
Filed : April 12, 2004
For : COLUMN-AND-BEAM JOIN STRUCTURE

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

SIR:

This is in response to the Interview Summary (PTOL-413) prepared by the Examiner and mailed April 10, 2008.

A personal interview was held between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney on April 2, 2008. The applicants and the undersigned attorney thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the interview.

A. Exhibit Or Demonstration

There was no exhibit shown or demonstration conducted.

B. Claims Discussed

Claims 8 and 18 were discussed.

C. Prior Art Discussed

The prior art cited in the Office Action mailed August 10, 2007 was discussed.

D. Proposed Substantive Amendments

Proposed substantive amendments discussed were to amend independent claim 8 (and related independent claims 14 and 16) to emphasize the open space between the flange of the split tee and the steel column caused by space keeping members 24 as illustrated in Fig. 12(a) of the drawings and to amend independent claim 18 (and related independent claims 19 and 20) to emphasize the open space provided by the structure of the split-tee illustrated in Fig. 13(a) of the drawings.

The applicants' attorney advised the Examiner that the proposed amendments would have to be approved by the applicants.

E. Principal Arguments

The applicants attorney argued that the prior art cited against the claims did not disclose or suggest the "open space" of the proposed amendments discussed above.

F. Other Pertinent Matters


No other pertinent matters were discussed.

G. General Results

Agreement with respect to the claims was not reached.

Respectfully submitted,

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